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CHIEF OF POLICE

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To Whom It May Concern:

After 27 years in law enforcement, I could not have imagined writing a letter of support for a local cannabis dispensary operating in a City that I have been sworn to serve and protect. DBO Investments, DBA From the Earth, has truly shown me the tremendous and positive impact such a business can have in a community.

I began this journey three years ago when the City of Port Hueneme asked me to create a cannabis program in our city as a much-needed revenue source. I was skeptical about the owners behind the scenes and I was just as concerned and nervous about the type of customers this might bring to our community. With these preconceived notions in-hand, I could not have been further from the truth. My paradigm has shifted and From the Earth was responsible for that shift.

Not only have I had the opportunity to work directly with the owners, but I have been able to witness first hand their ability to operate a highly regulated and successful business and see their unconditional philanthropy in our community. From the Earth has re-invested over \$50,000 in Community Contributions since they opened their doors nearly two years ago which has supported programs such as the Regional Homeless Program, the Boys and Girls Club, the DRAGG Program, MICOP, REACH, and the Police Explorer Youth Program. This year they made a commitment of over \$40,000 to help bring the Hueneme Beach Festival back to our Community.

From the Earth is a proven entity in Port Hueneme and will invariably be a significant and positive contributor no matter where they grow their business. From the Earth is the absolute model of how a cannabis retailer can serve a community not only as a revenue source but as a steward of humanity.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at (805) 797-5669.

Sincerely,



Andrew Salinas
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